

**Milton Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
Milton Public Library
123 Union Street
Tuesday, September 9, 2008**

1. Jack Vessels: called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. **Roll call of members:**

Jack Vessels	present
Mike Ostinato	present
Sally Harkins	present
Gwen Foehner	present
Dick Greig	present
Amy Kratz	arrived late
3. **Changes/corrections to the agenda**

Jack Vessels: Are there any changes or corrections to the agenda? If not, it will stand as printed.
4. **Approval of the agenda**

Jack Vessels: Can I have an approval of the agenda? All in favor, say “aye”.
Opposed. Motion carried.
5. **Approval of the Minutes – August 7, 2008**

Jack Vessels: Can I have a motion to approve the minutes for August 7, 2008?
Does anybody have any corrections that they want to bring forward?
Mike Ostinato: I make a motion to approve the Minutes of August 7, 2008, as presented.
Sally Harkins: Second
Jack Vessels: All in favor. Opposed. Motion carried.
6. **Business**
 - a. **Applicants Robert Wallace and John Kennedy requesting approval for construction of a porch on the south side of their house located at 313 Union Street, further identified by Sussex County Tax Map and Parcel 2-35-14.19-166.00.**

Jack Vessels: Do you want to make a presentation?
Robert Wallace: Not really. I gave Robin some pictures we’ve taken.
Basically, what it is, is an entranceway porch that’s 4’ X 6’. We did a lot of restorations on the house and it looks like there was previously a porch there, at one point; we’re going to put something in that’s about the same size. It’s going to be 4’ deep from the house; 6’ wide; there’s a door there already, that was there previously. We’re going to try to match the trim that we have on the front; but it’s going to have the same type of architectural shingles; we’re

going to try and mimic the Victorian Ginger Bread trim that's on the front of our house and it will all be painted.

Gwen Foehner: This is where it's going to go?

Robert Wallace: That's the area. It's next to the driveway. It's going to be about that shape. I included some things that I like, the roof design is going to be similar to that, but also some of the ones that I have.

Gwen Foehner: Are you going to use the trim that's like the front?

Robert Wallace: We're going to try to use some of the Ginger Bread trim that's going to be like the front porch of our house. I don't think I took a picture of that.

Jack Vessels: You've got a little sketch here that shows some of the front porch.

Robert Wallace: We plan to try and seek antique trim, if we can find it and if not, we'll try to replicate that. It's going to be painted, so it's no big deal

Dick Greig: I have no questions, but I have a comment. I remember when we first moved down here, we got to know John and Rob pretty well. That house was a wreck and they had already been working on it for a period of time and it has turned into a really classy small house, the flooring, the paneling, everything, plus the little shed outside. This is builder quality work.

Jack Vessels: Any other questions or comments from the Board?

Gwen Foehner: In that case, I would like to make a motion to approve the application of Mr. Wallace and Mr. Kennedy for the improvements at 313 Union Street.

Dick Greig: I second that.

Jack Vessels: Let's have a roll call vote:

Jack Vessels	in favor
Mike Ostinato	in favor
Sally Harkins	in favor
Gwen Foehner	in favor
Dick Greig	in favor

Motion carried.

- b. **Applicants James and Barbara Wagner represented by P. D. Camenisch requesting approval for installation of solar panels on the roof of their house at 409 Federal Street, further identified by Sussex County Tax Map and Parcel 2-35-20.7-43.00.**

Jack Vessels: Do you want to say anything P.D.?

P. D. Camenisch: Yes, we kind of did the process beforehand. I apologize if we offended anyone, but we were in the process of putting this up and C.C. came and said we needed permission from the Historic Preservation Committee to have it approved and we pretty much stopped until we got everything in order and that's what we're doing today is basically asking your permission to continue and hook it into the grid.

Gwen Foehner: It's not hooked up?

P. D. Camenisch: No. It's all installed. We have to wait until Delmarva Power gives us permission to throw the switch and we have gotten the final okay from Chesapeake Solar and then we'll be ready to go. It's paid for. I think, one other thing, since it's on the back of the house and it's black, it sort of blends in; you can see it if you look up; we decided not to put anything on any side, because that was where the recommendation was made to place them. I know there's a house over on Walnut Street that has it too, in the same position, and although it's not in the Historic District, I think it will be an asset to other houses in town in the Historic District that want to try this and have the ability and the finances to do it. With the way the economy is right now, and the way our energy program is changing, I think it will be an asset.

Jack Vessels: We'll be seeing more and more of this. Are there any questions or comments from the Board; if not, we'll entertain a motion to approve.

Sally Harkins: I make a motion to approve the solar panels at 409 Federal Street.

Michael Ostinato: Second.

Jack Vessels: Let's have a roll call vote:

Jack Vessels	in favor
Mike Ostinato	in favor
Sally Harkins	in favor
Gwen Foehner	in favor
Dick Greig	in favor
Amy Kratz	in favor

Motion carried.

P. D. Camenisch: I want to thank the Board also for letting me have the chance to do something up there and make the house look like an asset to Federal Street and the rest of the Town.

7. Adjournment.

Amy Kratz: I make a motion to adjourn.

Sally Harkins: Second.

Jack Vessels: Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.